Colorado for Family Values

Dear Concerned Coloradan,

I'm writing to share with you the truth — the truth about an organization you may have only heard mentioned in anger, hostility and ridicule.

As a matter of fact, it's easily the most controversial organization in Colorado . . .

. . . easily the most misunderstood — and most lied about.

I'm referring to Colorado for Family Values: the grass-roots citizens' coalition which initiated and passed Amendment 2.

Will you spend five minutes to read the other side of the story? The story you won't hear from the homosexual lobby or their allies in the media?

It's important. In fact, the integrity of the whole civil-rights movement is at stake.

You see, militant activists have spent millions of dollars and years of effort trying to convince good-hearted, compassionate folks like you that homosexuals have suffered as much as — or even more than — actual ethnic minorities! One homosexual activist had the gall to write:

"We expect and demand the same commitment to us that you made to Blacks and to women, though their suffering has not been as great as ours."
Steve Warren, *The Advocate*, 1 September, 1987, p. 29. [Emphasis added.]

- They would force everyone to consider their sexual lifestyle the same as a person's ethnic heritage — same as being born Hispanic, African-American or Native American.

- They want you to believe that homosexuals, bisexuals, transvestites and transsexuals have suffered the same oppression, the same economic and political hardship as minorities over the centuries. This, despite their own studies showing they earn over four times more per household than a disadvantaged minority family — over $55,000 per year!

- They think anyone who disapproves of homosexuality — no matter whether you disapprove privately, respectfully, philosophically or religiously — should be considered by law the same as a member of the Ku Klux Klan or some other hate group.

They want you to stand idle while the very meaning of minority protections is eroded to nothing — the hard-won legacy of Martin Luther King and the whole civil-rights movement reduced to an endorsement of someone's sexual behavior.

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"The freedom bus to Selma was never meant to go on to Sodom," one prominent African-American pastor said. Like us, he's been attacked for his stand.

During the Amendment 2 campaign, several of Colorado's most prominent civil-rights leaders spoke out about the homosexual drive for special rights. Chances are, however, you never heard in the media what they had to say. That's because what they said was powerful and devastating.

Mr. Ignacio Rodriguez, former Chairman of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission:
"If gays and lesbians are afforded protected status, it will erode civil rights the way it exists today."

Mr. John Franklin, former chairman and 8-year commissioner of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission:
"Making sexual preference a protected class does a disservice to all those people presently being discriminated against or mistreated, by diluting the significance of civil-rights protection."

Mr. Tom Duran, a leader in our state's civil-rights system:
"I don't see gay ghettos. I don't see gay homeless. I don't see the gays being disadvantaged politically or economically. I don't think that they are in the same class as the traditional minority groups."

Pastor Milton Proby, 10-year member of Colorado Civil Rights Commission and original African-American member of Colorado Springs' Human Relations Commission, says:
"To equate the race relationship with homosexuality is wrong, detrimental, and degrading in dignity to the position of servitude of those who worked for human rights. I deny that homosexuality equates with race in any way."

It's the sad truth: the very meaning of America's civil-rights movement is at stake. But that's not all: the right to disagree with homosexuality is also in peril — the right to hold views considered "politically incorrect" by the media elite. Consider these recent events:

- Leaders of the Colorado PTA — shutting out a mountain of public opposition – recently tried to pass a pro-homosexual resolution inviting militant homosexual groups into our schools to "educate" our children about the merits of homosexuality. Only a major outcry from parents and an organized effort at the state convention prevented its passage.

- An administrator in the Denver Public Schools recently vowed to implement New York's Rainbow Curriculum ". . . as soon as Colorado for Family Values pipes down." If you recall the controversy when Catholic minority parents led the fight against it, the Rainbow Curriculum involves "educating" children in the homosexual lifestyle and giving them explicit details in its sexual practices — beginning in the first grade.

- Incredibly, the homosexual lobby is asking the government to brand anyone who disagrees with homosexuality — anyone labeled "homophobic" — as legally mentally ill!

That's right. An American Psychiatric Association committee chairman (and homosexual activist) has called "homophobia" in the *New York Times* ". . . a psychological abnormality that interferes with the judgement and reliability of those afflicted." Donna Shalala, President Clinton's Health and Human Services Secretary, has met with activists seeking to brand "homophobia" a mental illness, and pledged her full support towards branding those who disapprove of homosexuality a "health menace" to society. It's insane, but it's true.

- Militant activists are preaching "zero-tolerance" on those who disagree with them. Here's what the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado said after a recent court victory:

"We issue a call for opponents of Amendment 2 to eradicate the ignorance and bigotry which produced Amendment 2, and we issue a call for opponents of Amendment 2 to flood the state in our continuing battle..." [Emphasis added]

If you disagree with these extremists, they want your views "eradicated!" What's fair, democratic or American about that?

- Even as you read this, brand new activist groups have vowed to pass more city ordinances like the five here in Colorado, giving them full minority rights.

Under the two most recent ordinances — in Crested Butte and Telluride — you can be thrown in jail up to one year for not housing or hiring a homosexual.

It's frightening. And this is exactly why Colorado for Family Values feels so strongly about protecting our freedoms of belief, speech and association.

Will you stand with us to protect these precious liberties?

We need your financial and moral support. Will you take a few minutes to write out a check with your donation today?

Here's what Colorado for Family Values is doing
to oppose militant homosexual aggression right now:

- We're educating Colorado citizens about the push for special homosexual rights, what it means to our State and nation — through seminars, brochures, newspapers and more.

- We're expanding a strong grass-roots network to oppose all efforts in Colorado to impose unfair special rights for homosexuality. This effort includes trained area leaders, mobilization plans, and local-official awareness.

- We're building a complete database to document the militant homosexual agenda — then sharing it with citizens fighting this battle in Colorado and across the nation.

- We're sharing the truth of Amendment 2 with those who aren't getting it in the media.

- Most of all, we're holding Governor Romer's "feet to the fire" regarding his duty to see Amendment 2's defense all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Even though Romer personally opposed Amendment 2 and has worked to overturn it even after the election, Attorney General Gale Norton has vowed to appeal the Amendment 2 case to the U.S. Supreme Court should the Colorado courts rule against it. CFV and our legal staff continue to monitor this process.

If you value this effective, coordinated effort against the erosion of true civil-rights, will you join with us and help protect what so many have fought to establish?

Please take a minute to send your contribution — along with thousands of concerned Coloradans. Financial support is your way of saying CFV's activities are vital to the state of Colorado and America.

Colorado for Family Values will turn your gift into effective, efficient, direct political action. We operate efficiently, on the tightest of operating budgets, with a small staff and the help of generous volunteers. (Our Amendment 2 opponents outspent us two-to-one.)

Remember that no matter how strongly we oppose their agenda, Colorado for Family Values has never advocated the least mistreatment of homosexuals themselves. We agree that existing criminal laws protecting the safety of all citizens should be rigorously enforced.

Remember also that under Amendment 2, homosexuals can promote any agenda they wish, only without the unfair legal advantage of being a protected minority. This debate can then take place in the free marketplace of ideas — the American way! Will you help us protect the true meaning of American civil-rights by sending a contribution today?

Sincerely,

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P.S. Attacks in the courts are only part of Colorado's militant homosexual onslaught against the integrity of America's civil-rights movement. Please enclose your most generous gift possible to ensure that their agenda does not engulf our state.